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EDITORIAL NOTES.

- ** Iredell County Alliance con demned the Democratic Address at its meeting last week.
- ** The Greenville Reflector is ten years old. It is a very interesting paper and well printed.
- ** A New York beggar died the other day leaving money to the amount of \$50,000. It paid him to beg.
- ** When the "d.o. p." papers get the slates fixed we will all hear what has been done in the interest of reform.
- ** The reports from the various county Alliances are quite encouraging. The Alliance is not dead yet. It will outlive all opposition.
- ** N. W. Ayer & Sons, advertising agents, Philadelphia, has our thanks for the handsomest and most businesslike calendar we have seen this season.
- ** Some of the "d o. p." papers say one day that the Third party will be organized. The next day they deny it. We wish it could be settled definitely.
- Pinnacle, Forsyth county, by Bro. Wilson. It is a neat paper and well edited. We wish it much success.
- ** "Jason Edwards" is a new novel It is in the line of Alliance work and can be read by everybody with profit.
- ** About \$2,000,000 were spent in North Carolina for fertilizers last season. Whether this was a wise expenditure or not we cannot say, but anyhow raise your own supplies and buy less of everything.
- ** We suggest that if we do have a war with Chili that President Harrison. his Cabinet and the members of the two Houses do the fighting. If they get over there this country will be safefor a time at least.
- ** Mr. Geo. L. Tonnofski, representing the Southern Soap Manufacturing Co., Raleigh, has presented us with a handsome calendar and a sample of the soap. This concern deserves the patronage of our people.
- ** Messrs. Osgood & Thompson, Birmingham, N. Y., have sent us a beautiful illustrated catalogue and price list of Osgood U. S. Standard Scales. If in need of scales, drop them Democracy with defeat if the free its members to vote for any party or a card and they will send you a catalogue at once.
- the bill introduced by Congressman will bow in cowardly submission to man before he can vote in the primary Alexander, of the sixth district, but he such insolent dictation. But isn't that to declare that he will vote for all is afraid the redeemable stamps will a rare and rich dodge about the Third | nominees and "to support, stand and "interfere with the currency of the party-the worst scare of all. If the abide by" all platforms, county, State currency." They are awful anxious Democracy don't obey Wall street, there and National, which are yet to be about the currency.
- Statesville Landmark, has bought a & Co, swear that there must be no may declare. Was there ever anyhalf interest in the Charlotte Daily free silver bill passed. Bland and the thing more undemocratic? Was there Chronicle, and will have charge of it Democracy of the South and West say ever a stronger example of iron handed after the first of February. We pre- it must pass. So this financial question party tyranny? There are thousands dict that the Chronicle will be the best is troubling some folks, besides the of Democrats who differ widely and daily Charlotte has had since Mr. Cald- farmers. the South,

- ** President Polk is proud of his military record, but he never sails under false colors. The press in some parts of the country speak of him as "General Polk." He was only a Lieutenant, gentlemen, and does not wish to be styled "General."
- Co., Baltimore, Md., and be sure next and religious press as well. time not to forget to mention your postoffice they will send you the A. B. C. of agriculture you saw advertised in The Progressive Farmer.
- ** We are getting a lot of communications now. We are glad to hear from the brethren. It is a good idea to enclose a dollar bill with your articles, or better still, enclose \$10 or \$20 for that many subscribers. Such an act will be published along with anything else you may send.
- ** Cabarrus County Alliance re commends that no farmer in that county plant over ten acres to the horse in cotton. The reduction should be more than that. From two to five acres would be more like it. Buy less guano and make more things to eat; cultivate and manure the land well
- ** It is said that the iron mannfac turers in Pennsylvania have reduced the wages of their employees for the purpose of saving up money to help out the Republican campaign fund. If by fear. Party prejudice influences cited little or no comment. But when this is true the workmen should strike and not allow the factories to operate until their wages are raised to what they were.
- ** The Ladies Hone Journal for 1892 is better, if possible, than for any previous year. Several able writers have been added to the already large The date on your label tells you corps, thereby giving it increased value to its many readers. The Home Journal is published at Philadelphia kind in the world,
 - ** Again we must say to our sub scribers that we cannot undertake to publish long death or marriage notices in this paper. If we should publish all that might be sent in it would fill the paper. We cheerfully publish in brief form all notices of deaths or marriages sent us, but must treat all alike in this matter, and nothing but short notices can be published.
 - ** Col. A. B. Andrews has been pro moted to the first vice presidency of the Richmond & Danville Railroad money orders for use for such purpose. Company. This is a very responsible It also excludes from the mails news position, but no one doubts his ability to perform the duties. We are glad to cations of any kind containing adver see any of our citizens climbing up the tisements, telegraphic reports or other ladder, and we trust that Col. Andrews articles giving quotations of any mar will use his influence to make the line of the R. & D. Company useful to the people of our State.

A NEW PHASE OF THE SITUA-TION.

** The Workingman's Helper is a politics is now being given to the merce can't be conducted without such new reform paper just started at American people. We can all remem | conspicuous rascality, and if the comber with what emphatic opposition merce of this country depends entirely many of the leading Democratic poli on gambling, why just let commerce ticians and papers met Mr. Cleveland's go to Halifax. We hope Capt. anti silver letter. It is now humiliating Alexander will push the bill for all it by Hamlin Garland, published by the and almost painful to see their crying is worth commerce or no commerce. Arena Publishing Company, Boston, back down since they have heard from Wall street on the subject. One of the pimps of the bloated and arrogant power has the audacity to say that if the South votes for silver that Congress (at the bidding of Wall street of course) will put the Force bill upon us. Another tells the Democratic party that if the Democratic Congress passes a free silver bill that the Democrats of support the Democratic ticket for principles and politics of the Demo 1892. And now the Philadelphia Record warns the Democrats in Congress that if they dare pass the bill that it will surely bring about the Third party.

This silver question is getting some. the year 1892." cracy standing up and threatening the above resolution. South with the Force bill and the It has never attempted even to bind silver bill is passed. And to the eternal platform. But here is a resolution disgrace of American manhood there adopted by a so called Democratic ** Mr. Wannamaker says he likes are thousands of would be leaders, who meeting absolutely requiring every ** Mr. J P Caldwell, editor of the the Record. Springer, Hill, Wallstreet for him to know what these platforms

well was connected with the Observer. Well, the Alliance is going to stand tions. How can they pledge their He ought to soften down in his views by free silver. There is no division support to a platform which is yet to on public questions, but as a man, as a among us on that question, nor will be made, and which may require them journalist, he is second to no editor in there ever be. We will stand for it, to abandon what they believe to be a is only in their interest, for I want policy shall be to unite the different money in actual circulation did not I whoever is against it.

PRESS.

The article in this issue under the above heading by Mr. W. J. Peele will be read with much interest by all classes. We invite the editors of all our exchanges to read and profit ** Mr. Geo. T. Walton: If you will thereby. This should apply not only write again to Messrs. W. S. Powell & to political papers, but to the reform

> The duty of a newspaper is not to condone the faults or mistakes of any class or any individual. At the same time it is not the duty of the press to attack class or individual. When such is done at all it should be done, not for the purpose of adding to the popularity of the newspaper, but for the purpose of calling attention to wrongs being perpetrated and to better mankind generally.

> Partisan or sectarian prejudice is the great evil that threatens our civilization. It is a crime to criticise party methods. Everything is right that your own party does. Everything done by the opposition is wrong. This course has done much injury.

"Cover arguments you cannot answer with the darkness of suspicion and silence." That is cowardly. You may as well waylay a man and strike "bought," nor are they all influenced their action, however, and does a fearful work.

This is one of the causes for bad legislation. This is why great combinations can exist and rob the people. All the corruption in politics grows out of this great evil. Let all reform.

A GOOD BILL.

Congressman Alexander, represent ing the 6th district, is a "fresh hand and is the leading publication of the in Washington, but he has already introduced several bills having merit. A few days he introduced a bill in the House relating to "gambling in agricultural products." This gambling, according to the bill, is defined to be a

contract to sell for future delivery corn, wheat, oats, barley, &c., the contractor or seller not being the owner or agent of the owner at the time of the making of the contract. The bill excludes from the mails any

letters, postal cards or circulars con cerning gambling in agricultural products, and checks, drafts, bills, papers, circulars, pamphlets or publiket relating to gambling in agricultural

A tax of \$2 per word is levied on each interstate telegraph or telephone message used in aid of the gambling referred to in the act.

The Charlotte Chronicle thinks this A most interesting illustration of the a good bill, though it says it "would crookedness and uncertainty of party interfere with commerce." If com

BEGINNING EARLY.

We notice that the Democratic Exec utive Committee of one of the counties in Tennessee, in issuing a call for primary election in that county. adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That no one be allowed to vote in said primary election except such as declare themselves to be Demo-New York and New England will not crats and in full sympathy with the cratic party, and pledge themselves to support the nominees of said primary election and other nominees of the Democratic party for the year 1892 and to support, stand and abide by all Democratic platforms hereafter made either county, State or National during

body into trouble and a trouble that | We have an indistinct recollection of will not end, even by obeying the having seen in some of the Democratic New England. What insolence, arrolis an oath bound political organizagance and bigotry. New York and tion." Well, if it were true, the Alli-New England and Wall street Demo- ance has never gone so far yet as the

honestly with the party on vital ques-

CENSORSHIP OF THE PARTISAN | the rule of action for that party? And suppose the Alliance Democrats should go into the primary and other meetings and lay down the Ocala demands as the platform and they be in the majority, would these iron-clad fellows be willing to stand by their rule? It may be that they will have an opportunity of showing how far they are willing to abide by the rule of their own making. But does it ever occur to some people that this thing of partybossism and bull dozing can be carried too far? And that the people have an idea that this is still a free country?

TWO IMPORTANT BILLS.

Capt. Alexander has introduced two important measures in Congress-one relating to gambling in agricultural products, the other to facilitate exchanges through the United States mails. We know the general interest that pervades the public mind in all matters looking to the relief of the people, and especially with what interest the farmers of the country are looking to their representatives for remedial legislation. Hence we take pleasure in publishing Capt. Alexander's bills, both of which are in the right direction. One thing is noticehim down without warning. Not near able: Many bills to stop gambling in all of our newspapers have been futures have been introduced into Congress for the past years, but they ex-Capt. Alexander introduced his, it was promptly heralded on the wing of electricity; and some of the leading opposition or gold-bug papers came out next day in long, swashy editorials on it. He evidently "went to the spot" to draw fire so soon. It is our purpose to publish all measures of our State representatives which may be of general interest. The enormity of the great schemes for robbing honest toil may be judged when we state that for one day, in April, 1890, in the Exchange of New York only 6,000 bush els of wheat were sold, while the op tion sale of fictitious bushels of wheat on that same day amounted to 44,000, 000. On the 24th day of October, 1890 only 404 actual bales of cotton were sold in New York, while on the same day the sale of fi-titious bales of cotton amounted to 155,800. With trusts combines, syndicates, pools—all organ ized to rob the farmers, we still have people in the land who pretend to be silly enough to believe, that the prices of the farmers' products are "regulated by the law of supply and demand." Poor fellows? They ought to open their eyes, and see what is going on around them. But we have very little hope that Capt. Alexander can get his measure through this Congress.

WILL YOU COMPARE FILES?

The dangerously smart Alex who conducts the Southern Tobacco Jour ual, says a good many hard things ple are to blame." about the editor of this paper and our course toward the American Tobacco bin guilty myself. I've voted for men Company. A week or two ago we mentioned the company, and asked for any information that might be given concerning the operations of the trust. The Journal alleges that The Progres-SIVE FARMER has just found out that there is a tobacco trust. The item recently was simply a suggestion to certain parties to send information. We are willing to compare files with the ple?" Journal, and believe that this paper has had more matter against the trust than the Journal.

However, there is no use in crying out against a trust unless you use your efforts to purify politics so that legislation can be enacted that will put for the people?" down trusts. You must go to the root of the evil. To abuse trusts is nonsense, without working at the same time for reform in politics,

----JERRY AFTER JERRY.

Jerry Simpson is a brick, socks or no Mr. Bilkins, delighted to hear from socks. He is having lots of fun in you." Washington and doing some valuable work. He recently introduced a bill ing?" dictates of New York, Wall street and papers, the charge that "the Alliance to have the agricultural department at

farmers as any man in this country," said Jerry, "and I know that there is a wide spread opinion among them that the agricultural department is not | to Senator Vance.' conducted on the square or solely in the interests of the farmers. Information from the department which should first reach the farmers is given in advance to proprietors of bucket shops. worthless. The seed houses palm their ld stock off on the government. The department is simply the nest of a lot of politicians, who are kept there owing will be a Third party in the field, says formed, and while it is yet impossible to their influence to help the Republican party. Now Uncle Jerry Rusk is an old gentleman and I would 1 ke to see him stand well with the farmers. and only in the interests of the farm- Hitch me to Speaker Crisp." ers, they should know it and have confidence in him. Possibly the department is run as the farmers believe and Uncle Jerry doesn't know it He may be imposed upon. That is the reason I want an investigation I hope it will prove that the farmers are mistaken and that the agricultural department vital principle. Suppose this is to be Uncle Jerry to stand well "



He Wants to Know About Several Things.

"Hello! Mr. Editor. R .- "Hello! Mr. Bilkins."

B -"How are your folks?" R - 'Haven't got any."

B.-"Why, what is the matter?" R .- "All my people have gone on before.' They are members of the Alliance, and don't propose to wait on

such slow coaches." B.-"They are right. What in the dickens is the use of waitin' always on slow people."

R - "I'm waiting for the millennium. You and Mrs. Bilkins say it is close at nand."

B .- "It is, but it won't come until the Alliance reforms are put in operation. Then the lion and the lamb, the farmer and the merchant, the banker and the editor, can all lie down together."

R.—"I'm ready to go ahead then at any time. I thought we would have to wait until the bosses made politics

B.—"Well, if you do that you will be older than Methusala an' Noah an' Jacob all put together. Blamed if the end of time don't come long before they get through with the job."

R.-You are mistaken. They are hard at work now in Washington, and you will hear something drop before he crickets sing, 'We won't get home till morning, this summer.'

B.—"Maybe you are right about somethin' droppin', but it won't be any good legislation. Sich men as John Sherman an' Carlisle are in the majority up there, an' nothin' good can come out of so much evil."

R .- "What is wrong with Messrs. Sherman and Carlisle?"

B.—"Nothin', only one is the biggest rascal the sun eyer shined on, the other is the biggest drunkard. Neither of them do anything in the interest of the masses,"

R.—"You are too hard on our able representatives. The people have encouraged them in their wrong-doing and drinking by repeatedly re electing them to important positions. The peo-

B - Reckin you you are right. I've that was not fit myself."

R.-"Why did you do it?"

B.—"Well, the papers kept sayin" they were the ablest men the State had, an' went on to tell of the noble deeds they had done 'for the party.'

R.—"But haven't you found out that doing so much for the party keeps them from doing anything for the peo-

B.-"I reckin that is so. They just keep humpin' themselves for the party an' lettin' the Old Nick get the people.' R.—"Did you ever read in a party organ that any representative had done

anything in the last twenty five years B.—'Nary time. I reckin it is against the law fer them to do anything for the people. Say, hitch my

phone to Senator Ransom." R.—"All right." B.—"Hello! Mr. Ransom. Hello!" Senator R.-"Why, good morning,

B.—"Say, Senator, what are you do-

Senator R .- "Oh! I'm doing my best Washington aired. Speaking of it, he to get an appropriation to clean out Huckleberry Creek, in the Eastern "I have been as much among the part of the State. This is very important to my party in North Carolina." B. - "Just as I expected. Hitch me

"Hello, Senator Vance, what are you

Senator V.—"Glad to hear from you. Mr. Bilkins. Oh! I have been hard at Then the seeds purchased are old and work to get money appropriated to build a monument at Guilford Battle Ground. This is very important and

B.-"Zeb's voice sounds familiar. But I'm surprised he ain't a hammerin' If he runs his department on the level on the tariff an' the internal revenue.

> "Hello! Mr. Crisp, I want to know what you are a doin' fer the good ov

Speaker Crisp.-"I'm just recovering from a severe attack of the grip, So far I have done but little. But my

good trim for the approaching campaign. As Democrats we must be united if we win. We cannot afford to risk any important legislation this session, for it might not suit everybody and the party would suffer."

B .- "Hitch me to John Sherman," "Hello! Mr. Sherman. What is your party going to do?

Senator S .- "Well, our policy this year in the Senate will be to keep any legislation back that will interfere with the admirable financial system we now have. The Republican party has always stood like a wall to keep the people from changing anything so as to injure the manufacturers or bankers As a party we must stand between the people and the monopolists,"

B.-"Say, Mr. Editor, I believe you are right. They all sing the same song which is, "We'll stand by the party though the country goes to the devil." Betsy heard all these big fellows talk an' she is so mad she's jumpin' nine feet high. Excuse me; I'll have to try an' quiet her. '

YOU ARE RIGHT.

The Graphic, a very able paper published at New Castle, Pa., has the following sensible article about the reform movement:

The reform orators who, seventeen years ago, predicted a depreciation in and values, were laughed at and hooted by nine-tenths of the general population. They told us farmers that within twenty years our lands would be reduced in value one-half, and we thought the "calamity howlers" were crazy. And yet every prediction made by that old advance guard has come true. Now the orators of to day who predict a crisis in the affairs of this country are denominated cranks and fools, but that should not deter them from lifting their voices in solemn warning. As the poet says:

The man is thought a knave or fool, Who, for the advancement of his race Is wiser than his time!

TWO INTERESTING LETTERS.

McClammy, N. C., Jan. 21, 1893 Mr. J. L. Ramsey, Raleigh, N. C.: My Dear Sir:—So much has been said about Col. Polk espousing the cause of the Farmers' Alliance for 'policy" only, I send you a letter re ceived from Col Polk long before our Alliance was thought of in North Carolina, which will show to an unbiased mind the true position of our worthy National President, Col. L. L. Polk knowing long before we farmers did where we were drifting, and he took up the cudgel to stop us in our wild career and

help us out of trouble. If the letter will be of any use to the Colonel or the cause, use it, if not, please return it. I had put it away and found it the other night while looking over my old papers. I sent him the by-laws he asked for, which helped

him where he now is. Long may he and his co-workers

Fraternally yours, J. A. STEVENS

Below is the letter referred to: RALEIGH, N. C., July 26, 1886 Mr. John A. Stevens:

Sir:-Will you kindly supply me with a copy of the constitution and by laws under which the Young Farmers' Clubs are organized? As you will see, I will now be in a position to aid in the good work. One of the distinguishing features of my efforts to aid in building up the agricultural interests of our State shall be the interest I feel in stimulating and encouraging our young men to higher ambitions and higher attainments in farming. Please do me the great kindness to give me all the information you can, and be as sured it will be highly appreciated. Address me at Winston, N. C., after

the first prox. Your kind attention will greatly oblige yours, L. L. POLK.

SUPPLY OF CURRENCY.

In what is known as his great speech of June 6th, 1890, in the United States Senate, Senater Plumb summed up the supply of currency in a way that no other Senator pretended to call in question. After saying that "the Treasury Department has always contributed to the policy of contraction," and that "the Treasury Department is consciously or unconsciously deceiving the people," he said: "Let us see therefore, how much money is avail able for actual use among the people From the total of \$1,500,000,000, arrived at as shown above, must be deducted an average of \$200,000,000, which the treasury always keeps on hand, and about which something has been said in the debate on this bill, and that leaves as the maximum, which may by any possibility be used, \$1,-

There ought in fairness to be deducted from this \$150,000,000 error in estimating the gold in the country, which would reduce the money outside of the treasury to \$1,100,000,000. From this should be subtracted the \$600,000,000 kept as reserve, as before computed, leaving a balance of but \$550,000,000 which is available for delivery or actual use in the transaction of the will do much to solidify the Democratic business of the people, or a trifle over party in my State." argument is not materially weakened by conceding the gold coin to be as estimated by Treasury Department, which would leave in actual circula tion \$700,000,000. In order to make up this amount all doubt must be resolved in favor of the treasury and against the people, but the doubt as to the amount of lost and destroyed notes and that as to the good supply. If I were deciding this case upon what I considered the best evidence, I would be bound to say that I considered the factions of the party and get things in | much, if at all, exceed \$500,000,000."